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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Lonell James, a/k/a Mack, DOB 03/18/1987, of 1018 Jenna Lane, Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 119 months in federal prison, without the possibility of parole, for distributing crack cocaine. James pleaded guilty to this charge on October 17, 2006.

On four occasions in February and May 2006, James sold a total of 85 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer. Judge Shabaz sentenced James to 119 months because of his concern that James has not been deterred by previous state court drug convictions.

The charge against James was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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